



IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**IN RE  
APPLICATION OF:**

Maxwell et al.

**CASE:** 57640.010274

**SERIAL NO:** 10/709,377

**FILED ON:** 04/30/2004

**FOR:** RACK AND PINION WHEEL  
DRIVE FOR AN  
INDUSTRIAL SLIDING  
BLADE DAMPER

AMENDMENT AND  
COMMUNICATION  
AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Dear Sir:

ATTENTION OF:  
Group Art Unit 3751  
Examiner: Rost, Andrew J.

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

This is in response to the final Office Action, mailed March 22, 2006, in the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as indicated, and consider the following Remarks, toward reconsideration and allowance of the application. A Request for Continued Examination, together with the requisite fee, are being filed contemporaneously herewith, to ensure entry and consideration of the instant Amendment and Communication after Final Action.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 herein.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 herein.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 4 herein.

Remarks begin on page 8.

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